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Concerning App. No. 09/734,836 – Reply To Office Action of May 23, 2003

Dear Examiner Winkler,

Attached for filing in the above application is a Reply to the Office Action of May 23, 2003 (9 pages), which includes a request for a 3-month extension of time, as well as Exhibit A (27 pages).

Respectfully submitted,


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Based Vectors**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action of May 23, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

An Extension of Time for three months, which extends the time for replying to the outstanding Office Action from August 23, 2003, to November 24, 2003 (Nov. 23, 2003 was a Sunday), is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Please charge Applicant's deposit account no. 19-0134 in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Applicant's deposit account no. 19-0134.